



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: June 9, 2015

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Set a Public Hearing for Minneapolis NPDES MS4 Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report**

Recommendation:

Set a Public Hearing date for July 14, 2015 to receive public comments regarding the Stormwater Management Program. This process is a requirement of the City of Minneapolis' National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Disposal System (SDS) Permit # MN0061018.

Previous Directives:

June 17, 2014 – Received public comments and adopted the previous year's annual report.

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Presenter in Committee: Lois Eberhart, Water Resources Administrator, Surface Water & Sewers

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not applicable
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Not applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not applicable

Financial Impact

Action is within the approved budget.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Memo announcing opportunity for the general public to provide comments regarding the Stormwater Management Program is being sent to all neighborhood organizations and other interested parties (see Attachment).

City Goals: Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected

Background/Supporting Information:

History

In 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued regulations that required stormwater runoff from municipalities with populations greater than 100,000 to be permitted under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate

Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program. This program is also called Phase 1 of the Federal stormwater requirements. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under a delegation agreement with the EPA, issued NPDES and State Disposal System (SDS) Stormwater Runoff Permit # MN0061018 (Permit) to the City of Minneapolis (City) and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB), as co-permittees, on December 1, 2000 and re-issued the Permit on January 21, 2011. The Permit requires the implementation of stormwater management activities that are designed to mitigate the pollution effects of urbanization on stormwater runoff.

Requirements for Annual Reporting, Public Comment and Council Action

The Permit requires that the permittees prepare and submit an Annual Report of activities for the previous year. The Permit also requires that opportunities be made for the general public to provide comments regarding the Stormwater Management Program. The comments must be solicited and received prior to the Annual Report submittal to the MPCA. The cutoff date for comments by the general public is Noon on Friday, July 17, 2015. The Annual Report will then be finalized and submitted to the MPCA by July 31.

A notice to the parties listed on the Attachment will be sent on June 12, providing information about how to comment on the Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program, and indicating that the Program is available for viewing on the following City website:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/publicworks/stormwater/stormwater_npdesannualreportdocuments

A summary of the public's input, and the City's response to those comments, are also required to be included in the final Annual Report. The City Council's formal resolution of adoption must also be submitted to the MPCA along with the final Annual Report.

Attachment: List of Recipients for Review and Comment

cc: Debra Pilger, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Corey Conover, Office of the City Attorney

ATTACHMENT: LIST OF RECIPIENTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Organization	Email address	Contact Person
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